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SUBJECT: EC ENERGY COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 13, 1975: DISCUSSION OF  
IEA-RELATED ITEMS

1. SUMMARY: AT THE EC ENERGY COUNCIL MEETING IN BRUSSELS  
FEBRUARY 13, SEVERAL TOPICS RELATING TO THE IEA WERE  
DISCUSSED. SIMONET MADE AN ORAL REPORT ON HIS  
PROPOSALS REGARDING ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES (REF A);  
THE COUNCIL HEARD A REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE PRODUCER/  
CONSUMER PREPCON AND THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WORK OF THE EC COUNCIL AND OF THE  
IEA. END SUMMARY.

2. SIMONET PROPOSALS RE PROTECTION FOR ALTERNATIVE  
SOURCES OF ENERGY: THE MINISTERS, MEETING IN RESTRICTED  
SESSION, HEARD AN ORAL REPORT FROM SIMONET WHICH WE HAVE  
BEEN INFORMED CLOSELY PARALLELED HIS PRESS CONFERENCE OF  
THE PREVIOUS DAY (REF A). (ONE SOURCE DESCRIBED THE  
SESSION AS A TUTORIAL IN ENERGY ECONOMICS CONDUCTED BY  
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PROFESSOR SIMONET).

3. ALL DELEGATIONS COMMENTED THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN EXPOSED TO THE IDEAS BEFORE AND SUGGESTED--WITH VARYING DEGREES OF ASPERITY--THAT SIMONET MAKE HIS PROPOSALS IN THE NORMAL MANNER, AFTER HAVING THEM APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.

4. SIMONET AGREED, AND A COMMISSION PAPER IS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION BY THE ENERGY COMMITTEE (OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS) NEXT WEEK. BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK THE PAPER IS ALSO TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE PERM REPS WHO HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE COUNCIL TO ARRANGE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. THIS MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SCHEDULING OF ANOTHER ENERGY COUNCIL BEFORE THE IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 6 AND 7 OR BY HAVING ENERGY MINISTERS PARTICIPATE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL ON MARCH 3-4.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FRENCH FAVOR AN IN DEPTH SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE PROGRAM AND AN EFFORT TO REACH A FINAL POSITION PRIOR TO THE IEA MEETING. THE GERMANS, THE UK AND THE DUTCH, HOWEVER, FAVOR A MORE GENERAL TREATMENT AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL PRIOR TO THE IEA MEETING FOCUSING ON THE POLITICAL AND TACTICAL ASPECTS. UNDER THIS FORMULA THE MINISTERS WOULD GIVE THE COMMISSION GUIDELINES FOR A PROGRAM WHICH COULD BE WORKED OUT AT A LESS HECTIC PACE.

6. PREPARATORY CONFERENCE OF OIL CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS: THE COUNCIL HEARD A REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENCY ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING CONSUMER/PRODUCER CONFERENCE. SIMONET, SPEAKING WITH A MISSION OFFICER AFTER THE SESSION, CHARACTERIZED THE DISCUSSION AS MERELY A GENERAL REVIEW OF EXCHANGES BY THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS ON FEBRUARY 10-11 (REF B). HE SAID THAT THE ENERGY COUNCIL SESSION HAD TAKEN NO SPECIFIC ACTION ON THE AGENDA OR OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE.

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7. LOCUS FOR ENERGY DISCUSSIONS: DURING THE RESTRICTED SESSION, THE MINISTERS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IEA. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL SOURCES WHO WERE PRESENT, ROHWEDDER SAID THAT "BRUSSELS SHOULD REALIZE THAT ENERGY POLICY IS MADE IN THE IEA AND NOT IN BRUSSELS." THE FRENCH DELEGATION ASKED ROHWEDDER IF THE ABOVE STATEMENT REPRESENTED THE

VIEWS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, TO WHICH HE RESPONDED THAT IT  
WAS NOT GOVERNMENT POLICY BUT MERELY A "PERSONAL VIEW."  
WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER DELEGATIONS INDICATED  
SYMPATHY WITH ROHWEDDER'S VIEWS. GREENWALD

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